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S E C R E T KUWAIT 4218

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS KU

SUBJ: KUWAIT FMS; DA CASE UAG (TOW)

1. MIN DEF SHAIKH SAAD EXPRESSED TO ME TODAY GREAT ANXIETY OVER INADEQUACY KUWAITI ANTI-TANK DEFENSE. HE STATED THAT TOW WAS HIS FIRST CHOICE IN UPGRADE IF KUWAIT CAN ATTAIN TOW OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY SOONEST, OTHERWISE FEELS WILL HAVE TO PROCURE MISSILE ANTI-TANK SYSTEM ELSEWHERE.

2. SHAIK SAAD ASKED ME TO PASS HIS REQUEST TO USG AS MATTER OF URGENT NEED. SPECIFICALLY HE DESIRES IMMEDIATE TRAINING FOLLOWED PROMPTLY BY ENOUGH MISSILES TO MEET PRESENT DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS WITH REMAINDER OF 1800 MISSILES TO BE SCHEDULED AT MONTHLY INTERVALS LATER. HE ASKS FOR A REPLY BY THURSDAY 06 DEC.

3. I CONSIDER THIS TO BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REASSURE KUWAITIS USG INTEREST IN THEIR NEEDS. RECOMMEND PROMPT AND SECRET

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FAVORABLE RESPONSE. IN EVENT FAVORABLE RESPONSE, REQUEST:

A. DATE OF EXPECTED DELIVERY OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND INITIAL MISSILES.

B. AUTH MAKE APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN L/O INCLUDING EXTENDING EXPIRATION DATE TO 31 JAN 74.

C. SCHEDULE BRIEFING TEAM KUWAIT SOONEST TO DISCUSS/PROPOSE:

- 1) TRAINING
  - 2) TECHNICAL SUPPORT
  - 3) MAINTENANCE
  - 4) INSTALLATION ON M151A2 CURRENTLY ON ORDER
  - 5) OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT
- STOLTZFUS

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